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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HIROKI HIYAMA ET AL.

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For: SOLID-STATE IMAGE SENSING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF OPERATING THE SAME

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is given in the attached English language abstracts.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of any cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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